

Surah 109 Surah Kaafiroon

THE KAAFIROON

THE LINK AND SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The central theme of the Surah is *Towheed* and a refutation of *Shirk*. A preacher or a counsellor, after discussing an issue at length may tell the audience, “I have now explained the matter in detail. Whoever chooses to take heed should do so. The two paths are clear. My path of truth is clear, and so is yours too if you do not heed the truth.”

Similarly, *Surah Kaafiroon* issues the ultimatum to the *Kuffaar*, telling them that, after much discussion, if they still choose not to take heed, they will be left to their own devices. Allaah says in *Surah Najm*, **“So ignore him who turns away from Our advice and who desires only the life of this world”** [verse 29, Surah 53]. The *Mu'mineen* should rather not associate with such people.

سُوْرَةُ الْكَافِرُوْنَ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ سِتُّ اَيَّاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

قُلْ يٰۤاَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُوْنَ ۝

1. (When the Mushrikeen of Makkah “promised” to Rasulullaah ﷺ that they would accept Islaam only if he worshipped or even kissed their idols, Allaah instructed Rasulullaah ﷺ with the following words:) Say, “O Kaafiroon!”

لَاۤ اَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُوْنَ ۝

2. “I (as a Mu'min) do not worship what (gods) you worship...”

وَلَاۤ اَنْتُمْ عِبْدُوْنَ مَاۤ اَعْبُدُ ۝

3. “...nor do you worship what I worship (Allaah).”

وَلَاۤ اَنَاۡ عَابِدٌۭ مَّاۤ عَبَدْتُمْ ۝

4. “I am neither a worshipper of that which you worship (and shall never be in future either)...”

وَلَاۤ اَنْتُمْ عِبْدُوْنَ مَاۤ اَعْبُدُ ۝

5. “...nor are you worshippers of that which I worship.”

لَكُمْ دِيْنُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِيْنِ ۝

- 6 “For you is your religion (from which you refuse to part) and for me is mine (from which I refuse to part).”

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